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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING--
GENEVA, FEB 7 - MAR 11, 1977

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1. POLCOUNS MET WITH NEW DIRECTOR MFA INT'L ORGS DEPT AMR MUSA
FEB 15. MUSA SAID HE HAD BEEN TASKED BY FONMIN FAHMY TO RE-
ORGANIZE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE BACK-
STOPPING FOR GOE'S "PEACE OFFENSIVE" IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND
UNGA. HE WILL, HOWEVER, ALSO HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS, DISARMAMENT AND ALL UN MATTERS WITH EXCEPTION
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND LOS. IN AFTERNOONS, MUSA CONTINUES TO
SERVE AS ONE OF PRINCIPAL AIDES ON FAHMY'S STAFF.

2. POLCOUNS MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 3, 4 AND 6 OF REF B
STRESSING NEW ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND
ITS INTENTION TO SPEAK FRANKLY ABOUT INJUSTICE AND VIOLATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME AND ABROAD INCLUDING GENOCIDE, APARTHEID,
TORTURE, JAILING OF PEOPLE FOR THIER BELIEFS, DENIAL OF A FAIR
TRIAL TO MINORITIES AND DENIAL OF PEOPLE TO EMIGRATE.
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3. MJSA SAID HE WISHED TO REPLY VERY FRANKLY. WHILE GOE
SHARED US VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOULD SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS
WHENEVER POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT WITH REGARD TO USSR
SINCE RIGHTS OF FREE IMIGRATION IS COUNTER TO EGYPT'S
INTERESTS. RUSSIA IS NOW THE MAIN SOURCE OF IMMIGRATION TO
ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY HIGHLY QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS. IT WOULD BE

DIFFICULT FOR EGYPT TO CRITICIZE HUMAN RIGHTS IN USSR WITHOUT INCLUDING RIGHT TO EMIGRATE. MUSA STRESSED THAT THIS WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW OF WHERE EGYPT'S NATIONAL INTERESTS LIE AND IT WOULD BE HIS RECOMMENDATION TO MINISTER. IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED BY HIS SUPERIORS. HOWEVER, IF IT IS ACCEPTED IT WOULD MEAN THAT GOE COULD NOT WORK CLOSELY WITH US ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY VIS-A-VIS USSR.
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